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FOR GERMAN IN AMEMBASSY BONN

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, WB, GW  
SUBJECT: BERLIN STOCKPILE

REF: BONN 453

1. SUMMARY: REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL BERLIN STOCKPILE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD MAY 6 WITH U.S. MISSION IN CHAIR. FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SENAT AND FRG REPS, IT APPEARS FRG HAS ACCEPTED ALLIED PROVISOS FOR NEW STOCKPILE CONCEPT AND IS GOING AHEAD WITH INITIAL PLANNING ALTHOUGH FORMAL CABINET APPROVAL MAY BE SOME TIME AWAY. END SUMMARY.

2. HANDLING OF THE NEW CONCEPT FOR BERLIN STOCKPILE AT STOCKPILE COMMITTEE MEETING CHAIRED BY U.S. MISSION MAY 6 MAY BE OF INTEREST TO EMBASSY BONN GROUP REPS. IN SENAT'S INTERIM REPORT ON STOCKPILE REGULARLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR THESE BIANNUAL MEETINGS. IT WAS NOTED THAT MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS THE ALLIED ACCEPTANCE IN THE BONN GROUP OF THE ALTERED STOCKPILE CONCEPT PROPOSED BY SENAT AND FRG. REPORT NOTED THAT FOLLOW-

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ING " FORMAL APPROVAL," CONCEPT OF STOCKPILE WOULD CONSIST OF SHORTENING SUPPLY PERIOD TO SIX MONTHS WITH MAINTENANCE OF 12-MONTH SUPPLY OF SOLID FUELS AND RETENTION OF RAW MATERIAL STOCKS FOR VITAL INDUSTRIES ONLY. THERE WAS NO DEFINITION OF " VITAL INDUSTRIES." REPORT STATED THAT NECESSARY PLANNING FOR PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS, E.G. IN CHEMICALS, WOOD AND PAPER

WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND WOULD BE STARTED SHORTLY  
IN OTHER AREAS.

3. IN PRE-MEETING CONSULTATION BETWEEN SENAT AND ALLIED  
STOCKPILE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES, ON MAY 4, WE ASKED  
SENAT REP WHAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS OF CURRENT STATUS OF  
FRG EELIBERATIONS ON NEW CONCEPT. HE CONFIRMED THAT  
GERMAN SIDE HAD NOT YET FORMALLY ACCEPTED ALLIED PRO-  
VISOS REPORTED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS, NOTING THAT PRESENTAT-  
ION OF ISSUE TO CABINET WOULD TAKE LENGTHLY PREPARATION.  
FROM HIS REMARKS, IT APPEARED THAT FORMAL ACCEPTANCE IS  
TAKEN FOR GRANTED, AND HE NOTED SENAT IS MAKING FIRST  
EFFORT AT PREPARING CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT. HE  
EMPHASIZED THAT SENAT'S PLANNING FOR PGORAM CHANGES  
WAS PLANNING ONLY, AND THAT PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD IN DUE  
TIME BE PRESENTED TO STOCKPILE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

4. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION BEFORE MEETING MAY 6, DR.  
HEINZEL OF FINANCE MINISTRY ALSO SPOKE AS IF EVENTUAL  
ACCEPTANCE OF ALLIED CONDITIONS WERE A CERTAINTY, BUT  
WAS UNCERTAIN OF TIMING OF MATTER'S TRIP THROUGH THE  
MINISTRIES. NOTING THAT FINANCE MINISTRY WOULD HAVE TO  
RECALCULATE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TAKING ACCOUNT OF  
ALLIED PROVISIO ON SOLID FUELS, HE SHOWED SOME REGRET  
OVER FINANCIAL IMPACT WHICH INABILITY TO LIQUIDATE A  
HALF-YEAR STOCK OF COAL ( ABOUT 850,000 TONS), WOULD  
HAVE ON OVERALL FINANCES OF SCHEME, BUT DID NOT CRITICIZE  
THE PROVISIO. IN FORMAL MEETING, WE OBSERVED THAT NEW  
CONCEPT WAS BEING HANDLED IN BONN AND THAT DETAILED DIS-  
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CUSSION IN BERLIN WULD BE INAPPROPRIATE, BUT ASKED  
DR. HEINZEL FOR SUMMARY OF MATTER AS SEEN FROM FRG POINT  
OF VIEW. HE GAVE A BRIEF REVIEW, NOTING ALLIED CONDITIONS  
ADN STATING THAT FRG/SENAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN  
JUNE TO DISCUSS CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT AND OTHER  
PLANNING.  
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